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C O N F I D E N T I A L GABORONE 1673

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SUBJECT: BOTSWANA/KOREA ISSUE AT 29TH UNGA

REFS: A) GABORONE 1665, B) GABORONE 1671

1. SOUTH KOREAN AMBASSADOR YEON, WHO IS ACCREDITED TO BOTSWANA AND RESIDENT IN NAIROBI, ARRIVED GABORONE EVENING DEC 6 TO CARRY OUT INSTRUCTION FROM SEOUL ON KOREAN/UNGA ISSUE.

2. YEON CALLED ON AMBASSADOR DEC 7 TO REPORT ON CONVERSATION WITH EXTERNAL AFFAIRS SECRETARY TIBONE. UNDER INSTRUCTION FROM SEOUL YEON SAID HE EXPLAINED THE FRENCH AMENDMENT TO THE FRIENDLY RESOLUTION AND REQUESTED GOB ABSTENTION ON THE HOSTILE RESOLUTION. YEON SAID HE ALSO EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT THE TIMING OF THE GOB ANNOUNCEMENT ON ESTABLISHMENT OF NON-RESIDENT DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH NORTH KOREA ALONG THE LINES OF PARA 3 REF A. TIBONE SAID HE WOULD REPORT YEON'S REPRESENTATION TO MINISTER OF
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STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS MOGWE WHEN HE RETURNS FROM LUSAKA

LATER TODAY. YEON PLANS LEAVE GABORONE TODAY BUT WILL TRY TO MEET MOGWE THIS AFTERNOON; HE PROMISED TO DEBRIEF THE AMBASSADOR IF HE SUCCEEDS IN GETTING AN APPOINTMENT.

3. YEON WAS BRIEFED ON THE MAJOR EFFORT WE HAVE BEEN MAKING ON THE KOREAN ISSUE INCLUDING REPRESENTATION BY THE AMBASSADOR AND ASSISTANT SECRETARY EASUM WITH THE PRESIDENT. YEON THEN INFORMED THE AMBASSADOR THAT HE HAD VISITED GABORONE ON NOV 28 BUT WAS NOT ABLE TO REACH ANYONE AT THE EMBASSY SINCE IT WAS A HOLIDAY. YEON SAID HE HAD A ONE-HOUR CONVERSATION WITH MOGWE ON NOV 28 ON THE KOREAN ISSUE. AT THAT TIME MOGWE TOLD YEON THAT THE GOB WAS (A) LEANING TOWARD THE HOSTILE RESOLUTION, BUT BOTH RESOLUTIONS WERE UNDER REVIEW AND (B) CONSIDERING ESTABLISHING DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH NORTH KOREA. YEON SAID GOB INFORMED HIM BY A TELEX ON NOV 30 THAT BOTSWANA WOULD SUPPORT THE HOSTILE RESOLUTION AND HAD DECIDED TO ESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH NORTH KOREA.

4. COMMENT: AMBASSADOR URGED ABSTENTION ON HOSTILE RESOLUTION DURING CONVERSATION WITH TIBONE AT PARTY GIVEN EVENING OF DEC 6 BY PRESIDENT'S DAUGHTER. WE WILL CONTINUE TO MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO PRODUCE ABSTENTION ON THE HOSTILE RESOLUTION BUT WE ARE NOT SANGUINE OF SUCCESS FOR REASONS CITED IN REF B.
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